

Harry F. Grazier House
Westmont Neighborhood
345 Luzerne Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
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Location: 345 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Massive, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay single-family residence. The side-gable roof rests on a heavy, modillioned cornice. There are three pedimented dormer windows. The wood-framed house is covered with dark green wood shingles except for the sharply contrasting white wooden trim. Two flat-roofed porches (one at the entrance of the house and the other on the east side of the house) are supported by large Tuscan columns.

History: The Cambria Iron Company sold this property 41 to Harvey F. Grazier on October 24, 1910, for \$3,650. Grazier probably had this house constructed shortly thereafter. The city directory lists Grazier as general manager of the Grazier Coal and Coke Company at their Somerset location. According to tax assessment records, Grazier moved into this house in 1911. In 1918 he sold the house to his wife, Jessie, for \$20,000. An unidentified photograph (possibly 1913) from the Johnstown Flood Museum shows a view of the house and some of the other houses on the block. At that time, the front porch was crowned by a balustrade.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 226, p. 404; Vol. 296, p. 329; Vol. 310, p. 26; Vol. 385, p. 391; and Vol. 773, p. 756. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory. 1911-12.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1910 and 1911. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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